

FRANK ABDUCTED AND HANGED

Condemned Murderer of
Mary Phagan Found
Suspended to Tree

HIS WIFE COLLAPSES

Victim's Mother Glad All's Over and
That Sufferings of Her Son Are
at an End.

Atlanta, Aug. 17.—The body of Leo Frank, who was kidnapped from the State prison camp at Milledgeville by a party of armed men in automobiles at midnight, was found hanging today to a tree about seventy-five feet off a public highway two miles from Marietta, the home of Mary Phagan, of whose murder he was convicted.

Frank's wrists were locked in handcuffs in front of his body. The rope about his neck had broken open the wound in his throat and blood streamed down the prison suit in which he was dressed. He was barefooted.

Mrs. Frank, who has remained at the prison since her husband's throat was slashed last month, was told shortly after midnight of the dangerous plight of her husband. Before the prison official had completed his first sentence Mrs. Frank swooned and went into convulsions. She was revived with considerable difficulty. Physicians at the prison were called to her aid, and it was learned that her condition was extremely critical. All effort to revive her failed for an hour, and a hurry call was sent to Athens for trained nurses to come with all possible haste.

At about 4 o'clock it was stated that Mrs. Frank was on the verge of death and that slight hope for her recovery was entertained. At 9 o'clock, however, she had a change for the better and physicians hoped for a gradual improvement.

According to advices from Marietta the convicted murderer of Mary Phagan, fourteen-year-old factory worker who was saved from the noose only a few weeks ago by the action of then Governor Slaton in commuting his sentence to life imprisonment, was roughly handled before being hanged.

Reports from Marietta did not confirm statements that Marietta citizen composed the squad of kidnapers. Authorities at Marietta said none of their citizens appeared to be missing at least none of those particularly active in earlier efforts to mob Frank.

Governor Harris this morning ordered every agency of the State enlisted in an effort to trace the kidnapping party.

He has ordered Warden Smith to submit a full report. Smith is expected here for a personal conference with the governor.

Atlanta was agog with excitement over the kidnapping of Frank, but there were no disorders with which the police were not able to cope.

This morning small groups of persons congregated on street corners and excitedly discussed the case. A few hotheads made curbstone speeches but the popular demonstrations were at a minimum.

An earlier dispatch from Lynchburg quotes J. K. Jackson, living near the Putnam-Baldwin county line, as saying that he heard a body of men rush past his home about midnight and shortly afterward heard a hundred shots. Empty cartridge shells were picked up this morning near Jackson's home.

An automobile, carrying newspaper correspondents, was dispatched to the bridge spanning Little river at once, and found scores of empty revolver and shotgun cartridges. The bridge was scarred with shots and bullets, and empty shells were scattered for a hundred yards along the roadway, but there was no evidence of the body. Not even a drop of blood could be detected on the bridge where the bullets entered the woodwork.

Ground in that immediate vicinity was searched for the body but no trace of it could be found.

There are several theories advanced

as to why the shooting was done at this particular place.

One theory is that the shooting was done to frighten Frank.

Another theory was that a row-boat was in waiting at Little river at this point, and that Frank was to have been placed in a boat here and taken down stream to some point in the Oconee river, where he could be rescued in an automobile. This stream flows into the Oconee river only two miles below.

Another theory was that Frank was shot and killed that his body was thrown from the bridge into the stream. This was soon disproved by the message from Marietta.

New York, Aug. 17.—"Thank God, he is dead, and through with his troubles," said Mrs. Rudolph Frank, mother of Leo M. Frank, when informed at her home, 152 Underhill avenue, here today, that her son's body had been found.

"If he had lived, his life would have been a torture to him and they might have killed him in a worse way."

Mrs. Frank said she had received no message from Georgia regarding the kidnapping of Leo from the prison.

As has often been told, Leo M. Frank was convicted for one of the most sordid crimes in the history of pretty fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, a little worker in the National Pencil Factory, who had kissed her mother good-bye less than an hour before her death.

Frank, an educated man of a good Jewish family, was superintendent of the factory. His uncle was the president of the company. In private life Frank had hitherto been without reproach. He was an active lodge member and a good husband.

The testimony against him hinged on the story of Jim Conley, a negro who told of helping dispose of the girl's body. Called an "ignorant black" by Frank's supporters, Conley yet withstood without weakening twelve and a half hours straight cross-examination by Luther Rosser dean of the Atlanta bar. At the end his testimony was unshaken.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Frank, of Brooklyn. His father was a retired business man of means. The son graduated from public schools and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and then took an engineering course at Cornell University. He married Miss Lucille Selig, daughter of a wealthy Brooklyn family, who stood by him steadfastly and always maintained his innocence to the end.

The body of the young girl, bearing marks of violence and evidently murdered, was found in the cellar of the factory building Sunday morning, April 27, 1913. Beside it lay several notes, purporting to have been written by the girl herself and fixing the blame on "a tall negro."

Conley declared he wrote the notes at Frank's direction. He gave a long account of repulsive depravity that he attributed to Frank. He said he had acted as "look out" while Frank received the young woman in his office. She was strangled in struggling unsuccessfully against outrage.

After Frank had choked the girl to death, the negro said, he ordered his employee to burn the body in the factory furnace. Conley balked at this, so together they carried the body to the basement where it was found.

The girl, it was shown by the State had left her home that afternoon to collect some money due her. The defense maintained the girl did not reach the factory at the definite time the murder was said to have been committed, and also tried to prove an alibi for Frank.

On the other hand, the State's attorney brought the child's mother to testify Mary left home at about 1:45 Saturday morning, the day proceeding her death, after hastily eating some boiled cabbage. A newsboy said that he rode to the city with her and that she reached the factory a few minutes after noon. A physician stated after an examination of the girl's stomach that she must have met death within thirty or forty minutes after eating.

Conley said Frank exclaimed a few minutes after the crime, "Why should I hang? I have wealthy people in Brooklyn." His prediction proved true in regard to the money, for this was lavished on the defense.

Mr. Thomas L. Carter, is spending a few weeks at Atlantic City.

STORM LASHES GALVESTON

Wind Blew From 65 to 90
Miles an Hour Last
Night

STORM DIMINISHING.

Water From Bay Driven Into Cities
—No Serious Damage Nor Fatalities Reported.

Houston, Aug. 17.—There were reports filtering in here early today that the worst of the storm which has been piling up the water in Galveston's streets is over.

From Brownsville before day-break word was received that conditions were alleviated by the falling of the wind, which at times had approached a velocity of ninety miles an hour, and was added to in its fury by a veritable rain deluge.

Telegraph and telephone communication with Galveston still was badly crippled early today.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 17.—At 3 o'clock last night the highest velocity of the hurricane was 65 to 75 miles an hour, with occasional jets blowing as high as 90 miles.

The only damage thus far caused was the destruction of window panes and insecure woodwork on exposed buildings.

A heavy rain fell throughout the day and tonight the streets are filled with water to the curbs.

The sea wall is holding, with no sign of weakening.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—Full effects of the terrific West India hurricane, which passed through the Yucatan channel Sunday were felt at Gulf Coast points late yesterday when the wind reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour and alarm was felt for the safety of various ports, notably Galveston, concerning which disturbing reports were circulated. The exodus of frightened persons was said to have ceased.

At 5 P. M. water from Galveston Bay was being driven into the lower part of the city along the wharf front.

In front of the News building the water was reported as about one foot deep, running even with the curbing.

The new seawall at Galveston was holding firmly, although spray from the breakers splashed over it.

Rising tides, which flooded the railroad between Sabine and Port Arthur, were reported at Beaumont to have trapped two women and three men at Sabine.

The women are said to have refused to leave after all other inhabitants had deserted the town. Other coast resorts, including Port Bolivar, Caplen and Rollover, were reported under water.

The lobby of the Santa Fe Station, at Galveston, was crowded with 1,000 anxious persons Sunday night. Other reports from that city were to the effect that more than 100 refugees, including tourists from Northern states, had arrived there from Galveston.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—Wires to Galveston went down at 6:30 o'clock last night. The storm threatened also to cut off wire communication with Beaumont and several other Texas coast towns.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 17.—The tropical storm which struck Galveston yesterday, while very severe, had caused no serious damage or loss of life up to 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 17.—With the wind blowing seventy-five miles an hour, water filling the streets and the light and power plant out of commission, the people of Galveston are fleeing from the city on every train.

Practically every town along the Texas Gulf Coast reports similar conditions. Although the actual damage indicated at 7 o'clock last night is confined to a few houses blown over and no known loss of life, the situation is growing worse with such alarming rapidity that fear of another disaster is expected everywhere and all precautions possible have been taken to meet any emergency. Both

the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies have closed their offices, quitting work when their floors were flooded with six inches of water. The streets of Galveston are full of water and boats are traversing the thoroughfares, carrying families to positions of better safety.

The water has not broken over the seawall, however, and the seawall has not been damaged, according to Galveston reports. The water backed into the streets from the lower end of the island.

This seawall, which once before 1899 stood a severe storm test, is seventeen feet high, sloping, and at some places fifty feet wide, forming a boulevard. The disaster of 1900, in which 8,000 persons lost their lives, started in exactly the same manner. The loss of life then was due chiefly to the fact that houses were knocked against each other and destroyed by wind and wave. Should the wind grow much higher and the water deeper, many houses will be blown over and knocked together.

The Santa Fe office reported that water in the Galveston station is four feet deep.

Ten houses were blown over at Victoria.

The town of Sabine and Sabine Pass have been deserted as well as Port Lavaca.

Water is reported in streets of every coast town from Corpus Christi to Orange.

WAR DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Richmond Minister Declares Great
Conflict Comes as Answer to
Blasphemy

Considering the moral or immoral aspects of the great conflict in Europe, Rev. Leighton Parks, D. D. of Richmond, says: "For many years multitudes of men and women have been withdrawing from the church and the church has made frantic efforts to win them back. Some of these efforts have been reactionary and some have been revolutionary. One the one hand devout men have believed that a revival of ceremonies and opinions—long abandoned—would win the world to Christ, and others have turned from Christ and sought in some form of theosophy or some teaching of ethics for a means to stem the rising tide of materialism and sensualism and sentimentalism which threatened to overthrow family and State.

"And now the day of judgement has come, and the church is being sifted. Listen to this, from the German Nietzsche: 'I regret Christianity as the most fatal and seductive lie that has ever yet existed—as the strongest and most impious lie; I urge people to declare war with it. The morality of paltry people as the most repugnant kind of degeneracy that civilization has ever yet brought into existence. And this kind of idea is hanging still, under the name of God over men's heads.'

"We instinctively shrink from such blasphemy; but we forget that it is an utterance that has found a response. This great poet-philosopher has called 'spirits from the vasty deep'—spirits of war and lust and rapine, spirits of envy and hatred and cruelty. They came in answer to this magician's call, and the bloody waters of the Marne and the canals of Flanders are choked with the dead.

"Is it true that 'Christianity' is the enemy of Christ? if there were no truth in the charge it would be impotent. We must find how much of truth there is in it, and reform the church. What have the great ecclesiastical institutions to answer?"

"Ultramontaine omamism and traditional Protestantism are impotent in this crisis. The appeal of both is to an absent God whose existence is proved by the miraculous, and modern scepticism has refused to hear anything more on the subject. But to a spiritual message—the message of Jesus Christ—the world will listen. . . . The church must proclaim it. Every church has a number of elect souls, and it is their faith and love and hope which will save the world."

JUST RECEIVED a fresh load of watermelons from the Virginia shore, selling at 5c, 10c and 15c. Capt. R. H. BRADSHAW, King Street Wharf

FOR RENT—9 room house 1215 Duke Street, with bath, a large side yard and double porches, apply at 910 King Street 16 3-t

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

Transport En Route to Dardanelles Destroyed in
Aegean Sea

ABOUT 1000 MEN LOST

Official Statement to British Admiralty Says Six Hundred Men Were
Saved From Vessel.

London, Aug. 17.—About one thousand lives are believed to have been lost by the sinking of the British transport, Royal Edward, in the Aegean en route to the Dardanelles, on Saturday by a German submarine.

The Royal Edward carried 1,355 soldiers, 32 military officers, and a crew of about 220 men. An official statement from the admiralty today said that "six hundred are known to have been saved."

This is the second transport lost by Great Britain since the war began, in an engagement off the coast of Asia Minor, near the Gulf of Smyrna, a transport was sunk several weeks ago, but without heavy loss of life, according to the admiralty statement.

Presumably the former Canadian Northern liner Royal Edward of Toronto, was the vessel torpedoed. She was a 11,117 ton steel triple screw steamer, owned by the Canadian Northern steamship company, and is understood to have been commandeered by the British government for use as a transport at the beginning of the war.

The Royal Edward was built in 1908 at Glasgow. She was 526 feet long and had a sixty foot beam. She was modernly built throughout and equipped with wireless.

LAUDS PAPAL PEACE ACTS.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Emperor Franz Josef of Austria has written Pope Benedict applauding the Vatican's efforts for peace and adding: "I also pray God that we may have an early peace."

His holiness has summoned Cardinal Gasparri from Monte Caelini, where the latter was spending his vacation. It was reported today that Gasparri's return was hastened by the pontiff's new moves for peace.

Some excitement was caused on King street, near Royal, early this afternoon by the arrest of a young man who gave his name as Joseph Heath, of Washington, who had caused a disturbance in the Alexandria Quick Lunch House and assaulted William Nelson, one of the attaches. Sergeant Wilkerson arrested Heath.

Miss Bettie E. Keys left today to spend the next two weeks at Bradlock Heights, Md.

Miss Emma and Elizabeth Markwood, of Charlottesville, Va., are the guests of Mrs. Fred H. Schneider, at her home on Queen St.

Paris Aug. 17.—The decision of the prize court in the case of the former Hamburg-American Line freight steamer Dacia, which was granted American registry in January and seized by a French cruiser in February while bound with a cotton cargo for Bremen, has been made public.

FORD FORD FORD

We have found it advisable to change the day of our Ford talks to every Tuesday 7:30 to 9 p. m. commencing tonight. Its free to all automobile owners come.

Remischel Auto Sales Co. 117 N. Fairfax St.

LOST—Solid gold ring with three sets, lost between American Lunch Room and Washington Street, about 9 or 10 o'clock Monday morning. Liberal reward if returned to 115 North St. Asaph Street. 17-3t

SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Congressman Tells Congressional Union Delegation He is Opposed to Amendment.

Appomattox, Va., August 17.—Congressman Hal D. Flood, of the Ninth Virginia District yesterday told a delegation from the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage that he is opposed to submitting the Susan Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution to the States for ratification. He took the position that the question of suffrage is a matter for each State to decide for itself, but did not indicate his personal views of the question of votes for women.

Mr. Flood received a party of women, headed by Miss Edith Hansche, of Washington, and Mrs. Dexter Otey at his country home in a very cordial manner. A banner bearing the words "We demand the passage of an amendment" was held aloft as the suffragists motored from the town in several automobiles, and the streamer was displayed prominently on the veranda of the Congressman's home.

Mrs. Otey spoke for the party, and urged Mr. Flood to vote for the Susan B. Anthony amendment at the next session of Congress. She insisted that it was right and just, and based upon the principle that taxation without representation is unfair. The Congressman was asked to pledge his vote.

Mr. Flood replied that he had been fighting "taxation without representation" all his life, and said:

"I seriously doubt whether the Constitution ever intended to give the right to amendment in a matter affecting suffrage. If I vote to submit the Susan Anthony amendment to the States I would take the position that the suffrage is a question which the Federal government has the right to act upon. I believe each State ought to decide for itself the condition of suffrage in that State, and other States should have nothing to do with the question. I have always occupied that position, and those of us who have maintained that Federal officials should be elected by the electors in the States could not vote to submit an amendment to the State, by which a minority of three-fourths majority to give right of suffrage to persons that the minority States think they should not have."

The visit to Mr. Flood's home followed one of the first suffrage meetings of importance ever held in Appomattox. Mrs. Otey opened the discussion, and spoke in a very pleasing way on what is termed "straight suffrage," and explained why women ought to have a vote. Miss Hansche presented the ways and methods by which the Congressional Union hopes to obtain the ballot.

LUNCH ROOM ROBBED.

Six Men Steal Equipment of King St. Establishment.

Not being satisfied with beating the Alexandria Quick Lunch at 320 King street out of an elaborate dinner, six men stole the entire equipment of one of the tables on Sunday night. The men entered the lunch room when there were few patrons eating and when a lone waiter was keeping the "dog watch." They ordered a full meal of every thing there was in the house that could be readily prepared not forgetting a plentiful supply of soft drinks and cigars.

When the meal was practically finished they ordered coffee which required the waiter to go to the kitchen. While he was gone from the room, all of the table's furnishings, including the table cloth, dishes, silver ware, sugar bowl and contents, salt shakers, vinegar bottle, were placed in the pockets of the enterprising sextette who made a quick get away in the direction of the river. The police were notified but have been unable to locate the thieves.

SHOOTING SCAPE.

The Alexandria county authorities are investigating a shooting scrape that took place last night at the old St Asaph race track between a party of Washington negroes and employees of the contractors who are building the Mt. Vernon avenue. It is reported that a man and a woman were shot.

When in Alexandria visit the Hotel Rammel.

RUSSIAN COUP CHECKS GERMANS

Forced to Change Conquest
Plans and Send Reinforcements

EXPECT BIG BATTLES

Retreat in Riga District Believed
Only Forerunner of Great Muscovite Offensive.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The general activity which is compelling the Germans to give immediate attention to their northern half of the campaign has changed the character of the operations from Warsaw. The deployment of six German armies, or from 40 to 45 corps, over a front of 180 versts facing Oswiec and Brest-Litovsk, shows that their future tasks in the woolly, swampy zone of Polesie, surrounding Brest-Litovsk to the southeast, excludes the possibility of their turning the Russian left flank. In the Baltic provinces, on the Russian right, the Germans are now reinforced, troops having been brought from Poland, where the army of Woytsch has been filled by Austrians.

Serious battles are expected now in the Baltic region, where the enemy's aims latterly have been compelled to harmonize his operations with the issue of the recent sea fight. He retreated pending the arrival of reinforcements, at the same time keeping up his communications with the sea. Now that his reinforcements have arrived he will make most stubborn efforts to regain the lost ground. Meanwhile reports from Riga show there has been a resumption of the normal life of the city.

From the Ciechanowice region, where Woytsch lost 800 Austrians and many machine guns, operations are not likely to develop seriously now, as the locality is swampy and great Russian forces are concentrated at Bielsk, protecting the railway at Bielsk. The enemy's immediate task here is to hinder the Russians' normal course of regroupment and also to gain more territory so as to enable him to keep troops which will be necessary later for the battle for Brest-Litovsk.

AVIATORS AT WORK.

Allies Bombard Galata, Suburb of Constantinople.

London, Aug. 16.—French and British aviators have bombarded Galata, the largest suburb of Constantinople, on the north side of the Golden Horn, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily News today.

Allied warships raided the Asia Minor coast near the Gulf of Smyrna Saturday, shelling Turkish encampments at Dekeli, Phoea and New Epeus. The Turks fled to the interior.

To have bombarded the city, allied aviators must have flown a distance of about 150 miles.

HANGS SELF FROM TREE

Suicide Worried Over Debts and Lack of Employment

Philadelphia, Aug. 16.—Worry over his debts and inability to obtain employment caused Matthew Frank, 38 years old, of No. 546 North Randolph street, to commit suicide Saturday night by hanging himself from a tree in the rear yard at his home. His body was discovered by his wife after midnight while she was making a search for him.

According to the wife, Frank must have stolen out of bed while she lay asleep and committed the deed. He took a heavy piece of clothes line, fastened it to one of the branches of the tree while standing on a box, and after adjusting the noose about his neck kicked the box from under him.

Miss Hattie Snellings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Snellings, of this city, and Bernard Hooker, of Richmond, were married Sunday in Washington. They will make their home in Richmond.